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Dear Committee Members:

I am writing to ask that negotiations of the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) give priority to creating just and sustainable economies among the poorer countries of the region. There are serious justice and moral issues involved when the needs of humanity are ignored to benefit those who already have sufficient and more of this world's goods. Please raise the issues of justice in your negotiations.

Sincerely,

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